

(g) In Somerset County, the clerk of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$700.

(h) In Wicomico County the clerk of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$800.00. There also shall be a position of assistant clerk to the board with an annual salary of \$500.00. The salaries of the clerks shall be paid in equal quarterly installments by the County Council of Wicomico County; provided, however, that in the event of special elections or special services rendered, the County Council shall, at the request and recommendation of the board, allow additional compensation as they may deem commensurate with the special services rendered. There shall also be the position of secretary to the board, at a salary and with such duties as established by the board from time to time.

(i) In Worcester County, the clerk of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$800.00.】

【2-6A. Clerk-stenographers in Allegany County.

(a) In Allegany County the board of supervisors of elections shall appoint two clerk-stenographers. One of the clerk-stenographers shall be a member of the political party whose candidate for Governor received the highest number of votes at the last preceding gubernatorial election, and the other shall be a member of the political party whose candidate for Governor received the second highest number of votes at the last preceding gubernatorial election.

(b) The position of clerk-stenographer created by subsection (a) of this section is included in the classified service of Allegany County with a Title 2 classification, and, in the event that the classified service or its titles are changed, the clerk-stenographer shall receive compensation equal to that received by Allegany County employees performing the same or a comparable type of work, with the same or a comparable degree of responsibility.】

2-6.

*Subject to the provisions of Article 64A, Annotated Code of Maryland, OR, IN THE CASE OF A BOARD COVERED BY A LOCAL MERIT SYSTEM AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 64A, SECTION 9E (F), SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PERSONNEL OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE BOARD IS LOCATED, each board has the power to appoint and remove, clerks, registrars, voting machine custodians, stenographers, and other employees. WHO SHALL BE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND. During the time of acting in any capacity under this section, no employee shall hold ANY PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE or be a candidate for any public or party office; use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election; or take an active part in political management or in political campaigns.*

PROVIDED THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO ELECTION JUDGES, WHATEVER THEIR TITLE MAY BE, OR TO ATTORNEYS TO THE ELECTION BOARDS.